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Applicant : Shimon Sakaguchi
Serial No. : 09/284,114
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Title : A MOUSE STRAIN WITH NATURAL ONSET OF AUTOIMMUNE ARTHRITIS

Art Unit : 1633
Examiner : Janet M. Kerr, Ph.D.

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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

Responsive to the final Office Action mailed April 25, 2001 (hereinafter "Office Action"), Applicant respectfully requests entry of the amendments and consideration of the remarks set forth herein. The response was initially due July 25, 2001. A petition for a two-month extension of time, up to and including September 25, 2001, with the appropriate fee is submitted herewith. Accordingly, this Response is timely filed.

The following documents are also enclosed herewith:

- Postcard
- Petition for extension of time with fee
- Notice of Appeal with fee

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